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To **PREDICATE**. *v. n.* To affirm or speak.

It were a presumption to think, that any thing in any created nature can bear any perfect resemblance of the incomprehensible perfection of the divine nature, very being itself not *predicating* univocally touching him and any created being.

PREDICATE. *n. f.* [*prædicatum*, Lat.] That which is affirmed of the subject; as *man is rational*.

The predicate is that which is affirmed or denied of the subject.

PREDICATION. *n. f.* [*prædicatio*, Lat. from *predicate*.] Affirmation concerning any thing.

Let us reason from them as well as we can; they are only about identical predication and influence.

To **PREDICT**. *v. a.* [*prædictus*, Lat. *predire*, Fr.] To foretell; to foreknow.

He is always inveighing against such unequal distributions; nor does he ever cease to *predict* public ruins, till his private are repaired.

PREDICTION. *n. f.* [*prædictio*, Lat. *prediction*, Fr. from *predict*.] Prophecy; declaration of something future.

These *predictions* are to the world in general, as to Caesar.

The *predictions* of cold and long winters, hot and dry summers, are good to be known.

How soon hath thy *prediction*, fear blest!

Measur'd this transient world the race of time,

Till time stand fix'd.

In Christ they all meet with an invincible evidence, as if they were not *predictions*, but after-relations; and the penmen of them not prophets but evangelists.

He, who prophesied the best,

Approves the judgment to the rest;

He'd rather choose, that I should die,

Than his *prediction* prove a lie.

PREDICTOR. *n. f.* [from *predict*.] Foreteller.

Whether he has not been the cause of this poor man's death, as well as the *predictor*, may be disputed.

PREDIGESTION. *n. f.* [*præ and digestio*.] Digestion too soon performed.

Predigestion, or hasty digestion, fills the body full of crudities and seeds of diseases.

To **PREDISPOSE**. *v. a.* [*præ and dispo*.] To adapt previously to any certain purpose.

Vegetable productions require heat of the sun, to *predispose* and excite the earth and the seeds.

Unless nature be *predisposed* to friendship by its own propensity, no arts of obligation shall be able to abate the secret hatreds of some persons towards others.

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It was conceived to proceed from a malignity in the constitution of the air, gathered by the *predispositions* of seasons.

Tunes and airs have in themselves some affinity with the affections; so as it is no marvel if they alter the spirits, considering that tunes have a *predisposition* to the motion of the spirits.

External accidents are often the occasional cause of the king's evil; but they suppose a *predisposition* of the body.

PREDOMINANCE. *n. f.* [*præ and domina*, Lat.] Prevalence; **PREDOMINANCY**. *n. f.* [*præ and dominium*, Lat.] Superiority; ascendancy; superior influence.

We make guilty of our disasters, the sun, the moon and the stars, as if we were knaves, thieves and treacherous by spherical predominance.

An inflammation consists only of a sanguineous affluxion, or life is denominated from other humours, according to the predominancy of melancholy, phlegm or choler.

In human bodies, there is an incessant warfare amongst the humours for predominancy.

The true cause of the Pharisees disbelief of Christ's doctrine, was the predominance of their covetousness and ambition over their will.

The several rays therefore in that white light do retain their colorific qualities, by which those of any sort, whenever they become more copious than the rest, do, by their excess and predominance, cause their proper colour to appear.

PREDOMINANT. *adj.* [*predominant*, Fr. *præ and dominior*.] Prevalent; supreme in influence; ascendent.

Miserable were the condition of that church, the weighty affairs whereof should be ordered by those deliberations, wherein such an humour as this were predominant.

Foul subornation is predominant,

And equity exil'd your highness' land.

It is a planet, that will strike

Where 'tis predominant; and 'tis powerful.

Those helps were overweighed by divers things that made against him, and were predominant in the king's mind.

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